In Memory of our President John F. Kennedy

JFK Honor Guard

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Hi, ALL!!

NO! I have NOT been wasting time & lolly-gagging and just not bothering to put Honor Guard together!! Some of you know about My Reluctant Mac... which computer has now brought electronic obnoxiousness to a new art form.

I've had many, many technical difficulties this past month with the Mac, and at present I am typing this on a friend's computer. What little I've managed to get done thus far has had to be 'computed' elsewhere.

And, even as I type, I have no idea WHEN this issue will be mailed. Just please bear with me...remember I had originally told you that I'd publish 12 issues, Mac willing? Sigh.....

Because of all this computeral confusion, and running back and forth, I don't have the files I need (always) to write what I intended to. So, keep that in mind if/when I don't give you the fullest information in this issue. Okay?

DEAD LIST CORRECTION??

In HG# 4 issue, I had listed Jack Lawrence --who had worked at Down Town Linc. Merc. where "LHO" had test-driven a car? Well, apparently he is quite alive, according to an article by Sheldon Inkol, in the V.8, #6 issue of The Third Decade.

REMEMBER

ASSASSINATION SYMPOSIUM on JOHN F. KENNEDY

to be held October 22-25, 1992
at the Hyatt Regency at Reunion Square in Dallas,Texas

This will be four days of panel discussions, work shops, and other special events.According to the New York Post,"...you can count on just about everybody who ever spat on the Warren Commission to be there..." !!!

KEYNOTE SPEAKER IS MARY FERRELL !!!

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Bush gets bill to free JFK files

Dateline: Washington: (paraphrased)

On Wed. 9/30/92, the House passed a bill calling for virtually total disclosure of all gov't files on JFK's assassination AND a review board to track them down. The Senate drafted & passed this bill in August, & the Justice Dept. recommends that Bush sign it.

Holding the records are Congress, federal agencies, presidential libraries, & include FBI,CIA reports, newspaper clippings & tax returns. ShredShredShred/BurnBurnBurn

DearGovernment: Can you give us a timeline on opening the files if/when Bush approves? Who will be the censors?Who is going to be on the "review board?" Hhmmm?

ABOUT THAT TSBD ROLL CALL....

On pg. 68 of Lane's RUSH TO JUDGEMENT:

" ' He was the only one who didn't show up [roll call] and couldn't be accounted for' [DPD Captain] Gannaway said.

This attempt to explain why Oswald was wanted implies both that there was a comprehensive roll call in the building & that Oswald was the only person unaccounted for just after 12:30 pm. In the first place, there was no such roll call, & in the 2nd place, Oswald was not the only employee absent from the building after the ass'n. Out of a total of 75 persons employed in the building, 48 were outside at 12:30 and 5 had not reported for work that day. Others left the building almost immediately after hearing the shots. Many employees were not allowed to enter the building after the ass'n and thus were absent when the police search began. In fact, even among the 8 employees known to have been on the 6th floor earlier that day, Oswald was 'not the only one who didn't show up and couldn't be accounted for.' "

Lane's footnotes concerning the above are:
Gannaway: XIX, 120
"roll call": Dallas Morning News, 11/23/63
Gannaway: ibid.
no roll call: WCR, 156, vn, 382
not only absent: Id.at 382, 385-386,VI,321
75 employees: XXII, 632-686
48 outside: Ibid.
5 off work: Id. at 632, 641, 666
others left: Id. at 632, 676
not allowed to enter: Id. at 636, 645, 655-656, 665
8 employees on 6th: III, 187, VII, 377
Oswald was not only: Id. at 321

Dear Pres: Can I help sort out The Files?
Or how about any/all of the following folk?
Ferrell, Marrs, Lifton, Jones, Weisburg, Hurt, Shaw, Adams, Judge, Scott, Rose, Kross, White, etc etc etc???
I'd prefer not to have any former president be in charge of it.

LHO'S ARREST AND TRIAL SHEET

I have a copy of what may be what is called LHO's arrest sheet. It is interesting:
Time of arrest was 1:40 pm, at 231 W. Jefferson, on premises of a theater, and in the "Charge" box is hand-printed "INV. MURDER."
In the part that is "Other Details of Arrest" is handwritten:

> "This man shot and killed President John F. Kennedy and Police Officer J. D. Tippit. He also shot and wounded Governor John Connally."

Two arresting officers are listed (with ID numbers): M. N. McDonald and K. E. Lyons.
Two 'other' officers are listed: Lt. E. L. Cunningham and P. L. Bentley

Except for LHO's home address,age, etc., that's all there is to it. Certainly it was convenient for LHO to be arrested, then tried and convicted on the arrest sheet, just in time to be executed a couple days later.
Neat little package, heh?

JFK HONOR GUARD subscriber info

This is an interactive newsletter & your input/articles/suggestions are invited. Businesses and/or vendors may contact me about cost of a review on our pages.
JFK Honor Guard is issued monthly (depending on the mood of the Mac) and for $15.00 you will receive the first 12 issues.Send Money Order to: Deanie Richards
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EYEWITNESS VIDEO - REAL JFK FACTS

Mark Oakes, with Stan Szerszen ('91-'92)

Most of these are edited interviews. Below find what the interviews touch on, generally....the comments in brackets are mine:

1 00:45-03:99 [[according to my VCR counter]]

Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Hartman (witnesses to ass'n): She tells of finding the bullet nick on the curb & bullet furrows made in earth opposite GK, out of line with TSBD and their discussion with a policeman who said the bullet was still in the ground. They went before WC; FBI doc. CD 1518

2 03:99-05:76

J. W. Foster (DPD officer): on triple overpass during assassinationn. Saw where a bullet had hit the south side of Elm; it had hit the manhole cover. He tells about the man in the suit who picked up the bullet, who was with Officer Buddy Walthers.

3 06:02-11:02

Alan Maddox (former deputy): He is taped making his recent presentations of Ruby memorabilia to JFK Assassination Center. [[Also shown are L. Howard, R. Johnson, M. Summers, & researcher Stan ?]] One of the items read was an interesting note written by Ruby and smuggled out of the jail.

4 11:02-15:60 and 15:60-17:69

Bill and Gayle Newman (witnesses to ass'n): tell what they saw during assassination; where shots came from; how the President reacted, & of their trip to the Sheriff's office & giving their depositions. Twice interviewed by the FBI, they didn't go to the WC. They were only a car width away from the President when he was shot.

5 17:69-27:64

Beverly Oliver (witness to the ass'n): 17 years old at the time, she was taking movie film of motorcade from her position across from Zapruder on Elm St. Next day, FBI took her film and has never returned it; she is now class-action suing for its return. [[an unusual interview, A MUST SEE!!! This interview puts Oliver in an odd light!!]]

6 27:64-29:14

Bobby Hargis (cycle cop, left & rear of JFK): tells of his experiences that day; of getting hit with blood, etc., and going up on GK and seeing people there.

7 29:14-37:74

Jim Leavelle (the detective cuffed to LHO when shot): tells of his day just prior to assassination, & right after. Tells of talking to LHO 10-15 minutes alone in DPD right after LHO was brought in. He described LHO's behavior (except with Agent Hosty!) as being polite, etc...not belligerent. Tells of the time & results of TSBD roll-call. Talks about Sunday morning transfer plans; LHO being shot; Ruby's comments on LHO shooting. [[listen carefully to this man; you'll wonder about a lot of things!!]]

8 37:75-45:47

Roy Vaughn (DPD officer 11/22/63): Now Chief of Police at Midlothian, TX. he is the officer scape-goated concerning Ruby saying he came down the ramp Vaughn guarded. [[as Leavelle also did, he notes names/activities of other officers during those days]] Vaughn tells of his activities 11/22, including taking over Braden from the Dal-Tex security officer, looking in Braden's wallet; taking Braden to the Sheriff's Dept. Vaughn describes his part in arrest of the "Three Tramps." He details that Sunday morning

during LHO's 'near' transfer & problems after. [[interesting, sincere==many details!]]
9 45:47-55:22
Henry Wade (District Attorney on 11/22): [[He describes so much, that I won't even try to write a synopsis...but I'll tell you this: this one video-taped interview is definitely worth the price of the whole tape! Wade tells how the White House was running the case, how he "called" attorney Abt, and what Abt said. He tells about either the #399 bullet being found OR an entirely DIFFerent bullet being found at Parkland! YOU HAVE TO SEE AND HEAR THIS MAN TALK ABOUT THE BULLET(S)!!!! He talks about LHO's interrogations, his rights, Ruby's input at the "press conference"--- correcting Wade about the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. He mentions much about the absence of interrogation notes/recordings being taken, the weapons & other tests, the palmprint, the evidence against LHO. Only one disappointment in this edited interview is when Wade mentions about "the bunch of people dying" and it wasn't elaborated on -- you know me and my Dead List interest, tho!]]
#10 55:25-58:72
CHARLES BREHM (witness to ass'n): among other comments about that day, Brehm says he heard 3 shots; thought 1st shot hit JFK -- went thru to hit Connally, as "there was no other sequence it could have been." Tells of being put in a police car (with his boy) in front the of TSBD-- felt he was a suspect. Described behavior of crowd going in/out of TSBD who called him names / hammered on police car. FBI agent was taking statement from Brehm in his home when LHO was killed. He didn't testify before WC.
#11 58:72-59:30
MALCOLM SUMMERS (assassination witness, near Grassy Knoll): tells of encounter with armed man on Knoll. [[Oakes note: in the unedited film Summers makes a startling comment about Roscoe White]]
#12 59:30-60:00
D. V. Harkness (officer, Sgt., in Dealey Plaza): Explains his testimony about SS agents behind the TSBD; reads his WC testimony.

*** This may seem like an undetailed review, but I don't want to give everything away!! There are some real surprises in these interviews...Vaughn, Wade, and Oliver especially. Then there are interesting bits & pieces, such as Brehm's comments about being in the cop car at the TSBD & people were still running in & out of that building.

Mark Oakes' Eyewitness Video is available for $24.95. He also offers the unedited interviews (on request) for $19.95 each. Times of unedited interviews:
J.W.Foster/3:08 = B. Newman/11:08 = G. Newman/6:13 = Hartmans (2)/7:23 & 1:20 = A.Maddox/12:51 = B. Oliver/ 26:56 = B.Hargis/4:59 = H.Wade/57:40 =J. Leavelle/25:09 = D. Harkness/39:58 = R. Vaughn/32:14 = C. Brehm/36:24 = M. Summers/12:32

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** Also available from Mark Oakes [[I don't know if there is a charge or not]] are pertinent FBI reports and Warren Commission print-outs concerning the Hartmans, the Harper skull bone & an FBI report of the metal-detecting done on Elm's south side.
** I understand Mr. Oakes plans to be in Dallas for the ASK symposium in October.

AM/LASH & THE PLOT TO KILL CASTRO

Ever since the disaster at the Bay of Pigs, the Kennedy administration had, as one of its major goals, the elimination of Fidel Castro from power in Cuba.
Unknown to Kennedy, the CIA made a deal with various members of organized crime to assassinate Castro. The CIA used Robert Maheu, a confidant of Howard Hughes to approach certain underworld figures to carry out the contract. Maheu made a deal with Johnny Roselli who, using his various contacts in the Cuban community, brought the two groups together.

The CIA officer in overall charge of the Castro plots was Desmond Fitzgerald who headed the secret group called *Task Force W* which was responsible for all covert operations inside Cuba.

Fitzgerald's contact in Cuba in the plot to assassinate Fidel Castro was a military officer by the name of Rolando Cubela. Cubela was a personal friend of Castro's and had frequent contact with him. Cubela's code name given to him by the CIA was AM/LASH.

In September,1963, Cubela met with a CIA agent in Brazil and said that he was willing to kill Castro at any cost. AM/LASH insisted that he meet with Attorney General Robert Kennedy to discuss the operation but Fitzgerald, a personal friend of RFK's, told Cubela that he would meet him as Robert Kennedy's personal emissary.

It is not certain that either President Kennedy or his brother were fully aware of AM/LASH's mission but in any case preparations for its execution went forward.

After meeting with Cubela in Paris, Fitzgerald gave him various assassination weapons including a high powered rifle as well as a new poison-led ballpoint pen. This meeting took place in November, 1963, the same time that John Kennedy was killed.

By PETER KROSS NJ [Editor of *BACK CHANNELS*]

SEARCH

from Gordon Winslow, 3900 S.W. 2nd Terrace, Miami, FL 33134

"I am looking for any photographs taken Nov. 18, 1963 at Miami Airport when JFK was there. They are to be used as part of an exhibit on JFK's last trip to Miami presented by Metro-Dade County Clerk's Archives."

FURTHER INFORMATION WANTED

from Your Editor

About little restaurants in the DPD area 11/63:

One book (read recently) mentioned detectives/cops being summoned to DPD from a nearby restaurant just prior to some assassination-related event. Also in Crossfire, pg. 419, it notes that early Sunday morning, George Senator (Ruby's roomie) made a call from the Eatwell restaurant (near DPD) to Attorney Jim Martin. Senator asked Martin to represent Ruby. This is interesting as Ruby hadn't shot Oswald yet.

When J. D. Tippit was shot, Helen Markham was waiting nearby for a bus ride to work. And what work was she going to? Oh, at the Eatwell Restaurant.....

How far is this restaurant from Dealey Plaza? Was the Eatwell a regular hangout for cops/deputies/attorneys/etc? If so, how many cops/etc did ole' Helen know, and how well? Maybe Jack Ruby was a customer? And could police customers/friends have influenced her ID of Oswald, and later her testimony? Any of you know more about the Eatwell? It sure makes ME wonder!!

COMMITTEE FOR AN OPEN ARCHIVES

This committee was formed in 1991 by researchers John Judge and Wm. E. Kelly, for the purpose of organzing and coordin-ating efforts to get full access to all The Fileswe've been concerned with for almost 30 years (the assassinations and covert operations, etc.).

According to an info page I received, there are 848 boxes of HSCA material, and then there are various Intelligence agencies files, Military files, Defense files,
etc, etc, etc!

The Committee is working to inform the public about the types & amounts of files being with-held from us, & is going forth with efforts (petitions/etc)to organize the Voice of the Public to insure the fair & shared access to The Files.

The Committee is working with our gov't reps to speed the Opening of the Files & determining who will have access.

Also in place and available is their newsletter PROLOGUE, which will keep us updated on their activities and inform us of govt folks' response to the Public, and what needs doing next to get access to The Files, etc.

PROLOGUE is available for a donation of $25 (or more) from:

COMMITTEE FOR AN OPEN ARCHIVES
PO BOX 6008
WASHINGTON, DC 20005

I have read Vol. 1, #2 of this newsletter, and was impressed with the layout, writers, articles, and information contained on its 12 full pages.

To give you a short look at Prologue, I'll mention a few of the thorough articles contained in this issue:

1 JFK,LBJ, & VIETNAM:A Tale of 2 NSAM's
by Peter Dale Scott

This article is more than 2 full pages & describes the divergent decisions made by JFK & then LBJ about the '65 pull-out from Viet Nam. Scott talks knowledgeably about the NSAM's, and I found I was able to understand this issue better than I had previously. Very informative!

2. "JFK" OLIVER STONE FIRES BACK
(Speech 1/16/92 at D. C. Press Club)

More than 2 pages contain Stone's speech. He makes many points about the purpose & contents of "JFK" & discusses work others have done through to continue the momentum to Open The Files. He talks of many issues facing us in the '60s & how our future was changed secretly.He quotes Jefferson-"When Truth can compete in a free market place of ideas, it will prevail" and says that since there is no market-place of history for the years of the JFK ass'n & later, "Let us begin to create one."

3. THE TAIL WAGS THE DOG
by John Judge

On 3 pages Judge describes the Assassination Materials Act of 1992, after talking about the various folks involved its drafting. He talks of the positive AND negative parts of this bill, in addition to giving an overview of other bills related to opening the various Files. He thoroughly covers aspects of the Review Board subject. Very clear article that's ALSO scary in its way.

Judge also wrote an article about other events on the day of the assassination & comments of Viet Nam policy.

4. Critical Dunces: Who Are These Guys?
by William E. Kelly

He wonders how all these folk became movie critics who are knocking "JFK." In the two-page article he covers so many aspects of issues/people/evidence etc. about the assassination, it's too detailed to fairly reduce in these few sentences!! Many good points are made by Kelly.

5. PROLOGUE also includes a list of "Who to contact in Congress"

I feel PROLOGUE will be the central co-ordinating point for Open-Files efforts.

GRASSY KNOLL GAZETTE
Editor: R.B. Cutler (assassinologist)
Vol 16, #5

One of Mr. Cutler's articles -- "Counterconspiracy" talks about the Federal Reserve Act (1913) and the Budget Deficit, putting these in an historical context and then relating it to JFK's assassination and our present woes. He points out that Kennedy had issued interest-free Treasury Notes (1963)... Cutler suggests that cutting into the billions profit of others made these Others upset with Kennedy. I don't doubt it a bit. I don't understand such high=flown things as international finance (or even individual bank account interest rates!), but I DO understand people get touchy when their enomorous (illegal?) profits are in jeopardy. Reading about (and being affected by) this Federal Reserve Act can get a non-profiting person (such as myself) a bit touchy, too!
[[there are other articles in this issue, but I'm still stewing over this FRA thing and won't review those pieces this time]]
Reminder: Grassy Knoll Gazette is only $10 a yr (with extras on occasion):
(by Cutler Designs) Box 1465 Manchester, MA 01944

THIRD DECADE JOURNAL Vol 8, #6, '92
I wanted to comment on the 14 pg. article "Jack Lawrence Responds" by Sheldon Inkol in the current issue of Third Decade: Mr. Inkol tells of an earlier article [["Assassin or Fall Guy", July, 1991]] concerning Lawrence who was employed by the dealership where "An Oswald" test drove a car -- it has generally been accepted that Lawrence acted really weird on 11/22/63. In Mr. Inkol's 1991 Third Decade piece, he had concluded Lawrence was probably an active conspirator. In October, 1991, Lawrence had been advised about the July article and he called Mr. Inkol. From that call (and other information exchanges) Jack Lawrence shared many facts about his life prior/post 11/22/63, and noted the effects of continuing speculation and suspicion on him and his family. This current Inkol article is quite detailed, very thorough: just about anything you ever wanted to know about Lawrence is in it! Besides relaying all this information to us, Mr. Inkol wanted to provide a forum for Lawrence to make his side of the story known; additionally Mr. Inkol noted that as a researcher, he has been reminded of his responsibility to remember that the folks read/written about regards 11/22/63 are real people with real families and that researchers' words have a real effect on those lives. In this issue, Jack Lawrence makes his side of that day known, in addition to making other views & information known. I think Mr. Inkol has done the fair thing, and I also think his current article is a very good one, as regards interesting and pertinent information about Lawrence and other JFK/related matters!
ALSO IN THIS CURRENT THIRD DECADE: GroupThink & JFK Assassination Research by Tom Filsinger -- High Treason II: A Critical Review by Monte Evans -- Oswald's Wallet by Jack White-- The Miami Connections to the Assassination by Michael Kensington-- A JFK-Related Biography of Anastas Mikoyan by Filip Coppens -- What's Wrong with this Picture #2: X-ray #1 by Kathlee Fitzgerald-- Index to Vol. 8, 11/91-9/92
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I GET SOOOO CONFUSED!!!!! (from Your Editor):
I don't exactly understand why Lee Oswald was given a different discharge than the honorable one he first got. If he never lost his citizenship, was under the protection of the American gov't while in Russia, never lost rights to his passport, was loaned money for his return, his Russian wife allowed to accompany him, wasn't interrogated by intelligence agencies when he returned to the US, and he was never questioned about giving away military secrets and therefore wasn't charged with treason (or whatever), nor convicted of any crime associated with his defection or anything else, then on what basis did he receive an **"UNDESIRABLE DISCHARGE on the 13th of Sept.'60?"** -- I'm assuming that the Marines were discharging him from the Reserves, as he'd already been discharged honorably from the service....how can a serviceperson be doubly discharged??? Since I have never served in the military or the CIA/related, I don't know how these things work.

Questions from K. Wallis:
1. Whatever happened to Bolden, the first black Secret Service agent who was, some think, railroaded and sent to jail after testifying that the SS had warnings about assassination attempts?
2. Was it ever established that someone, signing for the State Dept., checked out Oswald's military records 2 weeks before the assassation?
3. Anything new on that alleged 1903 Springfield, #66091, supposedly traded for car repairs by LHO?
4. Was the FBI operation ELSUR illegal? Was it true that Hoover had so many phone taps that the phone company complained of unfair competition? [smile]

Hey, Pres! Can I help sort The Files?

CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS TO HG 5:
1. ***BACK CHANNELS*** PO Box 9, Franklin Park, NJ 08823-0009 Editor: Peter Kross (see HG 2 for a review of this publication)
2. Mark Oakes has additional material for those who order his video on the Eyewitnesses: write to him for further information.
3. Jerry Robertson, 2404 Lafayette Drive, Lafayette, IN 47905-2442 will send HG member/subscribers "RELEASE THE FILES" stickers and/or key chains, and may send 6.5mm bullet packs, or 6.5mm bullets imbedded in plastic. Contact him for particulars. See the earlier HG for his article.
4. Gordon Winslow's Researcher's Directory is a valuable addition to those wanting to link up with others with particular interests in various JFK/related/etc etc subjects. He advises that it MAY be possible to receive the 1992 edition, but write to him for details. It would be a good idea to reserve the next edition, if '92 isn't available now. Address:
Gordon Winslow, 3900 SW Second Terrace, Miami, FL 33134
5. The Committee for Open Archives, [Prologue] have petition forms concerning opening the files and related matters. See the address on page 2.
6. I am forgetting something, I know! I'm Typing-Away (as in Home or Away game) and don't have some of the notes, and information I need. Sigh.....

MENTION HONOR GUARD WHEN WRITING THESE?